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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Kamel M. Shaheen

**Application No.:** 10/730,603

**Confirmation No.:** 4022

**Filed:** December 8, 2003

**For:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PERFORMING A HANDOFF IN AN INTER-  
EXTENDED SERVICE SET (I-ESS)

**Group:** 2666

**Examiner:** Hom, Shick C.

Our File: I-2-0490.1US

Date: January 21, 2005

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2004 and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: